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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This RIIPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis 1(a))

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5. Additional comments.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations.

1 Reference is made in the present opinion to the following documents cited in the search report. The numbering is also retained in the further procedure:

D1 : "Problem 6-Mobile phones" ACM SPPC International Collegiate Programming Contest 2003 september 20, 2003

D2 : WO 2005/091825A2 (YAHOO! INC.) 06 OCTOBER 2005 (2005-10-06)

2. Novelty and Inventive Step

2.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 22, 23

2.1.1 The solution proposed in claims 1, 22, 23 of the present invention meet the PCT requirements for novelty(PCT Article 33(2)) and inventive step(PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

Document D1 discloses a shortcut method for typing text messages using the numerical phone keypad, wherein a dictionary of known words is used. After a sequence of digits is entered, the system checks for and displays all possible matches in the dictionary.

Document D2 discloses keyword recommendation for internet search engines, which includes providing keyword frequency data in computer readable media that indicate frequency counts of keywords used in past internet searches.

The technical feature of Claim 1 is characterized by ① receiving a plurality of text queries at a server from a plurality of users, ② generating a numerically equivalent query for each text query, ③ generating a primary mapping between each numerically equivalent query and a text query having a substantially highest frequency of occurrence among text queries associated with the numerically equivalent query ④ outputting a primary mapped text query in response to receiving an associated numerically equivalent query transmitted from a user.

The technical feature of Claim 22 is characterized by ① means for generating a numerically equivalent query for a previously stored text query, ② a frequency calculator to calculate a frequency of occurrence for each stored text query, and ③ a mapper to generate a mapping between the numerically equivalent query and a text query with a substantially highest frequency of occurrence.

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The technical feature of Claim 23 is characterized by (1) generating numerically equivalent queries based on text queries, (2) mapping a text query having a greatest frequency of occurrence among the text queries, and (3) outputting the mapped text query in response to receiving the correspondent numerically equivalent query from a user.

However, neither D1 nor D2 discloses the technical feature of claim 1, 22, 23. In other words, mapping between each numerically equivalent query and a text query having a substantially highest frequency of occurrence among text queries associated with the numerically equivalent query is shown neither D1 nor D2.

Therefore, the subject matter of present claims 1, 22, 23 differs from the prior arts, and this teaching is not rendered obviously from the prior arts. Thus the novelty of the subject matter claimed can be acknowledged(PCT Article 33(2)), and also the subject matter of the claims 1, 22, 23 appears to involve an intensive step in the sense of PCT Article 33(3) as well.

2.2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-21

Claims 2-21 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)).

3 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

Claims 1-23 meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(4) in the field of a web search using numerical inputs.

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